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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until November 25, 2005. Please revise and reconsider the subject application based on the changes and remarks presented below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.